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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE CYRUS)  
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

REF: (A) STATE 159150, (B) CAIRO 11407

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH SADAT YESTERDAY IN ALEXANDRIA, I MENTIONED THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE AREA TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR LATE JULY-EARLY AUGUST. AS YET, NO SPECIFIC DATES HAVE BEEN SET. HOWEVER, WE WERE ALREADY DOING SOME CONTINGENCY LOGISTICAL PLANNING FOR THE VISIT. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE HAD SOME QUESTIONS AS TO LOCALE AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. THE PRESIDENT CONFIRMED THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE IN ALEXANDRIA DURING THE PERIOD INDICATED. HE WOULD LIKE TALKS TO BE IN ALEXANDRIA. THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT CAN COME INTO GIANACLIS AIRFIELD AND THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY COULD BE HELICOPTERED FROM GIANACLIS TO ALEXANDRIA. ASKED WHAT HIS WISHES WERE WITH RESPECT TO ACCOMMODATIONS, SADAT THOUGHT THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE IN SAFA PALACE. I SAID THE SECRETARY WOULD WANT TO BE GUIDED BY THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES, BUT NOTED THE CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN SAFA PALACE AND THE PALESTINE HOTEL, WHERE I ASSUMED THE REST OF THE STAFF WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED. IF THE  
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SECRETARY PREFERRED BEING WITH HIS PARTY IN THE PALESTINE HOTEL, WOULD THIS GIVE THE PRESIDENT ANY PROBLEM? SADAT SAID IT WOULD NOT. HE WAS AGREEABLE TO WHATEVER THE SECRETARY'S WISHES MIGHT BE. HE WANTED THE SECRETARY TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT SAFA PALACE IS AVAILABLE FOR HIS USE.

3. WITH REGARD TO COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS, AS DEPT AWARE, CAIRO/ALEXANDRIA OPERATES SECURE FULL DUPLEX 100 WORD/MINUTE CIRCUIT. IF SECRETARY REQUIRES TWO CIRCUITS, SUGGEST LEASED LINE ALEX/WASHINGTON. "CAN-DO" PACKAGE TO BE INSTALLED IN ALEXANDRIA WITH COHERENT MODEM. EXISTING ALEX-CAIRO CIRCUIT WITH RELAY VIA SKYLINK TO ATS WASHDC WOULD BE USED AS SPILL-OVER, BACK-UP CHANNEL AND ALSO HANDLE CAIRO ADMIN/LOGISTIC SUPPORT TRAFFIC. TDY COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT IS IMPERATIVE. ALEXANDRIA REQUESTS FOUR TDY COMMUNICATORS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT TWENTY FOUR OPERATION DURING VISIT. ADVISABLE TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE OF THESE PEOPLE ON BOARD WITH SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME PRIOR TO ACTUAL ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO COPE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICAL COMMUNICATIONS. CAIRO WORKING AT NEAR HALF COMPLIMENT WITH EXCESSIVE OVERTIME ALREADY BEING LOGGED WILL REQUIRE OPTIMUM FIVE MINIMUM FOUR TDY COMMUNICATORS WITH ARRIVALS TIMED WELL IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL VISIT. REPRODUCTION FACILITIES IN ALEXANDRIA ARE EFFECTIVELY NON-EXISTENT AT PRESENT. CAIRO HOLDS NEW BELL-HOWELL COPIER IN ORIGINAL "CAN-DO" SHIPPING CONTAINER FROM PREVIOUS VISIT. DEPT CAN SHIP COPIER WITH OTHER ITEMS IN "CAN-DO" OR ADVISE CAIRO TO FORWARD UNIT. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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